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LB 181, 535

Soybean Development, Utilization, and Marketing Board. The revenues would be used to encourage the development, implementation, and participation in programs of research, education, market development, and promotion of soybeans. I move for the advancement of LB 181.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Eret.

SENATOR ERET: Yes, Mr. President, I rise to support the bill. Nebraska soybeans that are taken out of state have the checkoff collected on them in the other states. This merely would allow Nebraska to collect a checkoff fee on soybeans that are brought into the state for sale. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kahle.

SENATOR KAHLE: Mr. President and members, just a word to support this idea of a little bit of an increase in a checkoff. The other morning we talked about, Senator DeCamp had a resolution up that dealt with trying to get the Land O'Lakes facility opened up and we have all talked about, the Governor, our present Governor has talked about processing our own products in our own state. I don't know whether this bill will affect that a great deal but I think one of the things, and soybeans do have an enormous possibility of different products that can be made from them, I think it is real important that we keep the funds handy so that we can develop these processes if they become available. I think it is a crying shame that we are letting industry slip away in Nebraska without even a fight, and I know this doesn't really relate to soybeans but I think it covers a whole gamut of our farm products. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion? If not, the question is to advance LB 181. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote no. The question is the advancement of LB 181. Have you all voted? The Clerk will record the vote.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to advance the bill.

PRESIDENT: The bill is advanced. Next, LB 535, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: Mr. President, LB 535 (read title). The bill was read on January 19, referred to Ag and Environment for hearing, advanced to General File. I have no amendments, Mr. President.